Amanullah's threat to Kashmir movement

1911. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 4th June, 2000, captioned "Amanullah Pak-based militants threat to Kashmir Movement"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, the Government is aware of the news-item which indicates the views of Amanullah Khan who leads a faction of the JKLF and goes in to indicate that he reportedly feels that Pak based militant organizations have damaged what he called "ongoing liberation movement" and "have damaged Pakistan's image internationally". These are the views of the head of a faction of the JKLF and need no reaction on part of the Government of India.

Separate homeland for Kashmiri Pandits

1912. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Kashmir Times' dated the 3rd June, 2000 captioned "Separate homeland for Kashmiri Pandits sought"; and

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kashmiri Pandit migrants under the aegis of different groups have been raising the question of carving out the security zones to

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facilitate their return to the Valley. The Panun Kashmir has raised the demand for a separate homeland for the Kashmiri Pandits in North-Eastern Kashmir. These demands have, however, not been considered reasonable. The aspect of security of the returnee migrants will be kept in mind while finalising and implementing the Action Plan for their return and every step will be taken to ensure safety of the migrants.

As regards inclusion of Kashmiri Pandits in the process for restoring peace and normalcy in the State of J&K, the Government would like to invite all militant groups and political leaders including Kashmiri Pandits to come forward.

Arrest of persons responsible for Bomb Blasts

1913. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrest of persons alleged to have been responsible for the bomb blasts in the churches of Goa and Karnataka has been made in Bangalore;

(b) whether the arrested persons belong to Deendar Anjuman Group;

(c) if so, what are the activities of the Deendar Anjuman Group; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Deendar Anjuman has connections with Pakistan's Intelligence Agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) In joint operations conducted by the Central agencies, and the State Police forces of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Goa, 35 (22-Andhra Pradesh and 13 in Karnataka) activists of an organization called Deendar Anjuman having links in Pakistan have been arrested so far in connection with the series of bomb blasts in churches in these three States.

Investigations have revealed that the main activities objectives of